

BEYOND the FRONTIER

A STORY OF EARLY DAYS

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SYNOPSIS.

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Adele la Chesnayre, a belle of New France, is among conspirators at her uncle's party to assassinate the governor. She has enlisted her Uncle Chevret to aid against La Salle. D'Artigny, La Salle's friend, offers his services as guide to Cassion, and a party of Indians goes to Quebec. Uncle informs Adele that he has betrayed her to Cassion and forbids her to see D'Artigny again. In Quebec Adele meets La Barre, a soldier who brings D'Artigny to her. She tells him her story and he vows to release her from the bargain with Cassion. D'Artigny leaves immediately, sees her to her audience. Cassion escorts Adele to the ball. She meets the governor, La Barre, and hears him warn the commissioners against D'Artigny. D'Artigny's ticket to the ball has been recalled.

the gleam from between the curtains. The outer wall was so thick a considerable space separated the room from the window, which was screened off by heavy drapery. D'Artigny appeared familiar with these details, for, with scarcely a glance about, he led me into this recess, where we stood concealed. Lights from below illuminated our faces, and revealed an open window looking down on the court. My companion glanced out at the scene beneath, and his eyes and lips smiled as he turned again and faced me.

"But, monsieur," I questioned puzzled, "why was it not easy? You met with trouble?"

"Hardly that; a mere annoyance. I may only suspect the cause, but an hour after I left you my ticket of invitation was withdrawn."

"Withdrawn? by whom?"

"The order of La Barre, no doubt; an officer of his guard called on me to say he preferred my absence."

"Twas the work of Cassion."

"So I chose to believe, especially as he sent me word later to remain at the boats, and have them in readiness for departure at any minute. Some inkling of our meeting must have reached his ears."

"But how came you here, then?"

He laughed in careless good humor.

"Why—that was no trick! Think you I am one to disappoint because of so small an obstacle? As the door was refused me I sought other entrance, and found it here." He pointed through the open window. "It was not a difficult passage, but I had to wait the withdrawal of the guards below, which caused my late arrival. Yet this was compensated for by discovering you so quickly. My only fear was encountering someone I knew while seeking you on the floor."

"You entered through this window?"

"Yes; there is a lattice work below."

"And whose office is that?"

"My guess is that of Colonel Delguard, La Barre's chief of staff, for there was a letter for him lying on the desk. What difference? You are glad I came?"

"Yes, monsieur, but not so much for my own sake as for yours. I bring you warning that your adventure with those who would do you evil if the chance arrive."

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These people have no writing and are accustomed to transmit messages and record events by memory alone. This they can do because their mental impressions are made especially distinct by reason of their acquired or inherited habit of giving undivided attention to the subject in hand.

Communications between the British authorities and the Zulu kings are almost invariably conducted by means of oral messages carried by natives.

Saturday, July 15, marked the completion of the twenty-mile stretch of the duPont road from Georgetown to Selbyville.

Edward C. Daly, of Hartley, has announced himself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Representative.

The Maryland State Teachers' Association has elected Professor Sydney S. Handy, of St. John's College, Annapolis, president.

Former Governor Phillip Lee Goldsborough, of Cambridge, has been elected president of the National Union Bank, Baltimore.

Charles Cook was rescued from drowning in the Christiana River by fellow-workmen when he fell from the new Third street bridge at Wilmington.

The state judiciary met in the Supreme Court room at Dover, conferring in cases in which decision are to be handed down in the next session of court in January.

When the province of Ontario goes dry September 16, by act of the provincial legislature, Toronto, with 400,000 population, will be the largest dry city in the world.

"Dear sir," the letter said, "please let me know by return why you kept my story so long and then returned it all fingermarked up? I try you on another story herewith, which I expect to have better luck. Please don't take me for a faker, but an honest, young hustler, who is trying to fight the battle of life. If you accept the story pay me a reasonable sum down, say, \$30, and the remainder year's royalty and bonus. Then you can announce in all the literary news columns all over the country, for I will stand by you in toto, that you paid me \$1,000 for the story, which is the best of the year. They will take this as a news item. I will keep the real figure strictly secret and you will do the same. Have a short history of my life wrote up, with photo, and under photo the words, 'The handsome young author who received \$1,000 for a few strokes of his pen.'"

Edgar Smith, Joseph Went and Samuel Cross, small boys who escaped from the Ferris Industrial School several days ago, were captured by the Wilmington police, and returned.

The Democratic State Committee meeting in Dover Tuesday, fixed Tuesday, September 5, for the State convention to nominate Presidential electors, Governor, Congressman, and Senators.

Because of the many complaints the Wilmington Board of Health has decided to engage a team and collect garbage, and charge the Wilmington Sanitary Company 5¢ cents for each such collection, the cost to be deducted from the contract price.

The Del-Mar-Via Press Association met in semi-annual session at Dover, Monday, Thomas F. Dunn, of Dover, presiding. The membership, made up of newspaper publishers and editors of Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland, was only fairly well represented.

For many years it has been the aim of W. H. Davis, of South Milford to market sweet corn grown from his lots at the south side of Milford, on or before July 4. This year he made his first delivery to the people of Milford on the morning of the Fourth, of a buggy load of well filled sweet corn.

The largest donation ever contributed to the police pension fund by one person has just been received by Traffic Officer John Ward. The amount was \$10.00 and the donor Pierre S. duPont. Last year duPont contributed \$500 to the fund and this year he told Officer Ward he would again contribute because he believed the cause a worthy one, but he gave no hint as to the size of his check.

In an effort to learn why fruit from Sussex county is sometimes on the railroad trains for two days in the short 90-mile haul to Wilmington or Philadelphia, trade organizations and fruit brokers and growers will meet in Georgetown this month. The Laurel Board of Trade has already taken up the matter and has issued invitations to the citizens of other towns to meet and arrange for a concerted protest.

Announcement was made by H. Rodney Sharp, chairman of the development committee of the board of trustees of Delaware College, Monday morning of an additional gift of \$100,000 to the college. This brings the total gifts to the college and practically all from unnamed donor to \$1,000,000, in round figures, within a year. Mr. Sharp has notified Dr. Samuel C. Mitchell, president of the college, of the additional gift, which is to be used to carry out some work that has already been planned.

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The New Castle County Levy Court has allowed Appoquinimink Hundred \$500 for extraordinary repairs to roads.

The annual session of the Grand Circuit of Delaware, Brotherhood of America, will be held in Dover, August 15.

Albert Worth, a Georgetown lawyer, has been elected attorney for Seaford, succeeding Deputy Attorney General Jones.

All prisoners in the county jail at Georgetown will be given an opportunity to plead at a special session of Court, August 3.

The Delaware Good Roads Association has spread a barrel of oil on Laurel streets to demonstrate how to keep dust down.

The clay works at Bacon Hill, three miles south of Elkton, have been placed in operation after being shut down for several years.

The Cecil County Md. School Board has reopened the schools in the county to be re-opened for the school year on Tuesday, September 5th.

Although four weeks have elapsed, Thomas R. Wilson, Jr., the Delaware College student whose neck was broken in a wrestling bout, still lives.

Dr. Charles A. Wagner, State Commissioner of Education, addressed a union open-air service on the Delaware College campus Sunday evening.

Eighteen members of the Newark Presbyterian Church Sunday school have received gold wreaths for two years' perfect attendance at the school.

Diamond State Grange has decided to postpone the field day from Thursday, July 20 to Thursday, August 17, because of the lateness of the harvest season.

Self-winding clocks, giving time from the United States Observatory, at Washington, have been installed in the offices in the new City Hall, in Wilmington.

The work of re-assessing all property in the counties of Maryland, will be started on August 1, in accordance with an Act of the General Assembly last winter.

In the two-story addition being built to the duPont Powder Company's office building, in Wilmington, will be a hospital for the care of the company's employees.

The Baldwin Manufacturing Company, which owns and operates a large textile mill at Elk Mills, Cecil Co., Md., county, is having a large dye mill erected adjoining the present plant.

Professor Harry Hayward, dean of the agricultural department of Delaware College, made an address at the forty-fifth anniversary of the Mt. Hermon School, Mt. Hermon, Mass., Sunday.

Many letters received by Elkton relatives last week from the members of Company E, First Maryland Regiment, now at Eagle Pass, Texas, convey information that all is well with the boy.

The May installment official list of automobile registrations for Delaware, first issued from the office of the Secretary of State, carries the total for the first five months of the year up to the number of 5,461.

The Cecil County Commissioners have received instructions from the State Tax Commission to appoint an assessor for each district and incorporated town in the county, before July 26, to make a re-assessment of real estate.

The Deibert Manufacturing Company, of Elkton, reports business as never being any better. The mill is being operated both night and day. The only draw-back to the business is the shortage of dyes. This will probably be overcome shortly.

The stockholders of the Farmers' Bank of Delaware today endorsed an amendment to the charter, giving the banks at Dover, Wilmington and Georgetown trust company power and authority. This is the first amendment to the bank's charter since it was organized in 1807.

State Commissioner of Education Wagner is preparing facts and arguments to submit to the Rockfeller Foundation to substantiate the claim that there is need of a supervisor of colored schools in Delaware. Such a supervisor would have about 110 colored teachers to direct.

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